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NORWICH NAVIGATORS TO HOLD CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD APPRECIATION DAY

NORWICH, Conn. – Brig. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, Adjutant General and Commander of the Connecticut National Guard, announces that the Norwich Navigators will hold a Connecticut National Guard Appreciation Day on Saturday, July 9, 2005 at Dodd Stadium.

The Connecticut National Guard will have an equipment display at the front entrance consisting of a military loader, a small excavator, a grader, 2 ½ ton truck, a 5-ton truck, a HUMMWV, and a brand new recruiting HUMMWV.

Prior to the start of the game, a color guard will consist of Connecticut Army National Guard soldiers, a military flyover and a soldier who was recently deployed to and returned from Iraq will throw out the ceremonial first pitch.

"We are proud to be hosting Connecticut National Guard Appreciation Day here at Dodd Stadium. We want to continue our support to the men and women in uniform who have served, are currently serving and those ready to serve in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Keith Hallal, general manager of the Norwich Navigators.

"We are extremely proud and honored that the Norwich Navigators to host and take part in recognizing our Connecticut National Guard Soldiers, Airmen and most importantly the families to publicly recognize them for their sacrifices and

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contributions in support of the Global War on Terror," said Martin.

The Navigators will host the Binghamton Mets (New York Mets) at 2:05 p.m.

Gates will open at 12:00 noon.

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